

School-Home Connection • Lesson 15

Children will thrive if they are encouraged to read every day and if families support their reading.



Your child is reading “A Birthday Mystery,” and “The Life Cycle of a Frog.” In “A Birthday Mystery,” a child gathers hints about a special birthday surprise. In “The Life Cycle of a Frog,” children learn the stages of life of a frog.

Words to Know

question	year	imagine	wash
especially	wear	minute	enjoy
interesting	father		

Reading Sentences Ask your child to read each sentence aloud to you and to say another sentence that could follow it.

- I will ask an **interesting question**.
- Children **enjoy** having fun all **year**.
- **Father** can **wash** dishes in one **minute**.
- Let's **imagine** an **especially** silly game where we **wear** our dad's shoes.



Read Together



Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes outside of class each day. Look for these books at your local library.

- **Just Me and My Puppy** by Mercer Mayer. Golden, 1998.
- **Bunny Cakes** by Rosemary Wells. Puffin, 2000.
- **A Birthday Basket for Tia** by Pat Mora. Aladdin, 1997.

Everyday Writing

Description Ask your child to write a list of sentences that describe something without giving its name. Suggest that your child first draw a picture of the thing to help him or her think of describing words. As your child reads aloud the sentences, try to guess what is described. Then have your child reveal the drawing.

This is something small. It moves fast. It has four legs.

Let's Talk About...

Surprises Use these discussion starters with your child to discuss “A Birthday Mystery.”

- Your child read about a surprise birthday present. The birthday child wants to know what the present will be. Would you rather know what your present will be or keep it a surprise?
- The birthday child in the story likes to play guessing games. Discuss what types of games you each like to play.
- It can be fun to plan a surprise for someone. Share a story about a time you were surprised.